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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

This communication responds to the final Office action mailed January 6, 2009, and is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and the requisite fee. A petition for a one-month extension of time, extending the date for response from April 6, 2009 to May 6, 2009, and an Information Disclosure Statement also accompany this request. The fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) will be paid at the time of filing. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 13-3080.

Applicants request reconsideration of the outstanding rejection in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

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